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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Todd J. MORTIER et al.

Application No.: 09/981,790

Filed: October 19, 2001

For: VALVE TO MYOCARDIUM  
TENSION MEMBERS DEVICE  
AND METHOD

Group Art Unit: 3738

Examiner: David Willse

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**AMENDMENT AND  
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENTS**

In reply to the Office Action dated December 24, 2002, please amend the  
application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please add new claims 70-79, as follows:

70. (New) A method for improving cardiac function, comprising:

placing a first member relative to a heart chamber to alter the cross-sectional  
shape of the chamber; and

placing a second member relative to a valve of the heart chamber to assist in  
apposition of leaflets of the valve.

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